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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): DeCesare et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/727,282 ✓

FILING DATE: November 30, 2000 ✓

FOR: Device and Method for Separating Components of a Fluid Sample ✓

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PETITION FOR THREE MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME ✓

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant

Commissioner for a Three Month Extension of Time from December 26, 2002 to March 26, 2003 to respond to the Office Actions mailed on September 26, 2002.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1666 for the \$930.00 fee for the three (3) month extension. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Account No. 02-1666. A triplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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